MINUTES

OF THE

NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

MUD CREEK
Baptist Association,

HELD AT

BIG HURRICANE CHURCH,

TUSKALOOSA COUNTY, ALABAMA,

From the 15*th to the* 16*th of October*, 1880.

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FRIDAY, October 15th, 1880.

According to previous appointment, and pursuant to adjournment, the Delegates from the various Churches composing the Ninth Annual Session of the Mud Creek Baptist Association, convened with Big Hurricane Church, on this the 15th day of October, 1880, at 11, A. M. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder L. L. Lovelace. The assembly then adjourned for one hour.

At 2 o'clock P. M. the Delegates re-assembled in the meeting-house. Prayer by Elder F. M. Hobson. The Association was called to order by Elder T. A. Norwood, the former Moderator. The former Clerk not being present, W. H. LaFoy was requested to act till the body was organized. The roll of Churches was called. The Delegates came forward with letters from their respective Churches and voted for Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the choice of former Moderator, and W. H. LaFoy clerk. The clerk, assisted by Bro. Jas. Hayes, then read the letters from the various Churches. Names of Delegates enrolled (see table). Ministers and Brethren present who were not Delegates invited to seats with us to participate in our deliberations.

Door opened for Correspondence. Received Elder L. L. Lovelace, with letter, from Tuskaloosa Association; Elder N. H. Williams, from Harmony Association; Elder F. M. Hobson, with letter and minutes, from Mulberry Association; whom were cordially received by the Moderator, and seated in council with us. The following committees were then appointed:—

On Devotion.—Jacob Hallman, Wm. Sellars, William Lawson, A. Gilbert and Deacons of Big Hurricane Church.

On Sabbath Schools.—J. M. Gilbert, Wm. Murray, W. H. LaFoy.

On Documents.—Elder B. S. Thompson, Jacob Hallman, James Lawson.

On Finance.—Wm. Murray, T. R. Cargile, T. D. Newell.

On Temperance.—Elder Wm. Hannah, S. A. Parsons, W. H. LaFoy.

On Home and Foreign Missions.—Elder B. S. Thompson, Elder Wm. Hannah, Wm. Murray.

On Nominations.—Elder B. S. Thompson, W. W. Lawrence, A. J. Smith.

(The report of committee on Devotion were not filled today on account of inclement weather). The association adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Elder N. H. Williams.

SATURDAY, Oct. 16th, 1880, 9 o'clock A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Singing and prayer by the Moderator, who then called the body to order, and proceeded to business.

Called the roll and marked absentees (see table). Returned correspondence as follows:

To the Tuskaloosa Association.—Elders T. A. Norwood, B. S. Thompson, Wm. Hannah and W. W. Lawrence.

Harmony Association.—Elders B. S. Thompson, T. A. Norwood, Wm. Hannah, and Wm. Murray.

Mulberry Association.—Jacob Hallman, Wm. Murray, W. W. Lawrence.

Warrior Association.—Elder J. I. Gilbert, McDaniel Vines.

North River Association.—W. C. Gilmore, Elder Wm. Hannah.

Canaan Association.—Elder B. S. Thompson, M. M. Owin, Elder W. C. Howton.

The following reports were then submitted, read, and adopted.

Report of Committee on Temperance.

We, your committee on temperance, beg leave to report, that we recommend that this body oppose drunkenness, also Intemperance in all its varied forms, and use every effort in our power to put it down; and use every endeavor to impress upon the minds of all that no drunkard shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Elder Wm. Hannah, Chm'n.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools.

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, beg leave to report, that we simply retain same as adopted in 6th annual session of this body held at Mud Creek, with this amendment: that we recommend the Alabama Baptist, Kind Words, and other periodicals as we think prudent.

J. M. Gilbert, Chm'n.

Report of Committee on Documents.

We, your committee on Documents, beg leave to report, that after a full examination of the same, we find that there are two Churches requesting the next session of this body, to wit: Liberty Church, and Mud Creek Church. We, your committee, recommend to your body that Liberty Church request be granted. We also find that there is a request by

Big Hurricane Church for a letter of dismission for the purpose of being attached to Tuskaloosa Association, which we recommend to be granted. B. S. Thompson, Chm'n.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

We, your committee on Nominations, beg leave to report the following: We recommend that the next session of this body be held with Liberty Church, to convene on Friday before the third Sabbath in October, A. D. 1881. Elder Wm. Hannah preach the introductory sermon, Bro. J. N. McFall to follow. Elder T. A. Norwood to preach the Missionary sermon, on Sabbath at 11 A. M., and after which a collection be taken up and for what purpose.

Elder B. S. Thompson, Chm'n.

Report of the Committee on Home and Foreign Missions.

We, your committee on Home and Foreign Missions, beg leave to report: We recommend to your body that you set apart one or more laborers in the bounds of your Association and adjacent boundary in destitute places, organizing Sabbath Schools in Churches and neighborhoods where it be necessary, and perform the work of an Evangelist.

Elder B. S. Thompson, Chm'n.

On motion adjourned one hour for refreshment.

Met pursuant to adjournment and the committee on finance reported:

For minutes and association purposes, $16,95
Amount paid over to Clerk. $16,95
Respectfully submitted, Wm. Murray, Chm'n.

On motion, it was resolved that this body send out an Evangelist to labor in the bounds and adjacent boundary of this Association, and for this purpose hath appointed the Deacons of the Churches as an executive committee, which will meet at Mud Creek Church on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in November, 1880, on purpose of setting this plan in operation.

By request, a letter of Dismission was granted to Big Hurricane Church, which is in full fellowship with us, on purpose of attaching herself to the Tuskaloosa Association.

On motion, Elder B. S. Thompson was appointed to write a circular letter to be read at the next session of this body, he to choose his own subject.

On motion Brother Wm. Murray was appointed Executive Treasurer of this Association.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to have 350 copies of these minutes printed, and retain reminder of funds for his services.

The next meeting of the 1st District will be held with Smithville Church, commencing on Saturday before the 3d Sabbath in August 1881. Introductory sermon to be preached by Bro. Jas. McFall.

The next meeting of the 2nd District will be held with Friendship Church, commencing on Friday before the 1st Sabbath in August, 1881. Introductory sermon to be preached by Elder B. S. Thompson—Elder T. A. Norwood, alternate.

The next meeting of the Ministers and Deacons will be held with Davis Creek Church, commencing on Saturday before the 2nd Sabbath in September 1881. Introductory sermon to be preached by Elder Wm. Hannah.

On motion, the next session of this body was fixed to meet with Liberty Church, on Friday before the 3d Sabbath in October, 1881. Introductory sermon to be preached by Elder Wm. Hannah— Bro. J. N. McFall to follow. Elder T. A. Norwood, preach the Missionary Sermon, on Sabbath at 11 o'clock.

The committee on Devotion reports preaching to-night at candlelight by Elder T. A. Norwood, followed by Elder F. M. Hobson. Elder T. A. Norwood to preach the Missionary Sermon to-morrow at 11 A. M.

Resolved, that the sincere thanks of this body be tendered to Big Hurricane Church and citizens of the vicinity, for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained the association. While singing, the Brethren extended to each other the parting hand.

Prayer being then offered, were dismissed to meet at the time and place aforesaid.

T. A. NORWOOD,

W. H. LaFoy, Clerk. Moderator.

Received of W. H. LaFoy $7.50, in full for printing 350 copies of these Minutes. Mont. I. Burton.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES (*Ordained Ministers. †Absentees.)	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Present No.	Monthly Meet'g.	Money sent.	Pastors.	PostOffice
1st District.												
Sardis	Not Represented.											
Mud Creek	J. M. Knight, J. C. Houghton,† W. H. Batson,† T. R. Cargile.	3	1			2		86	3	2 10	T. A. Norwood	Jonesboro.
Big Creek	T. W. Mattox,‡ F. M. Mattox,† C. Allman.†											Wetona.
Black Warrior	A. Gilbert, W. R. Patton,† R. B. Patton,† Samuel Molinax.†											Toadvine.
Liberty	McDaniel Vines, Noah Meeks, B. F. Vines,† A. W. Nichols.	3	2	1	5		2	60	2	2 00 1 35	A. White	Hayes.
Blue Creek	W. H. Lawson, A. J. Fleming,† J. H. Lawson, N. J. Armstrong.†	1				1		61		1 35	A. White	ShortCreek
Smithville	A. J. Smith, J. M. Hyche,† L. X. Smith.†		4		3			14	2	75	W. J. Herring A. White	Wetona. Toadvine.
2d District.												
Davis' Creek	T. A. Norwood,* Wm. Hannah,* Wm. Murray, W. W. Lawrence.	2		2				55	2	2 35	B. S. Thompson	Wetona.
Antioch	E. Hyche, Jesse Barger,† Wm. Sellars.		1					12	3	1 00	Wm. Hannah	Hayes.
Prude's Creek	J. I. Gilbert,*† W. J. Burchfield, T. L. Burchfield, J. M. Gilbert.	10		1		1	1	52	2	2 00	J. I. Gilbert	Hayes.
New Providence	B. S. Thompson,* W. C. Gilmore,† Isham Harvell.†					1		8	4	1 00	W. C. Gilmore	Hayes.
Big Hurricane	J. F. Price,† S. Black, T. D. Newel, Wm. Martin.	4	2	1	4	6		82	4	1 00	F. M. Hobson	Clements.
Friendship	Wm. Snider, Jacob Hallman, A. J. Burchfield, W. H. LaFoy.	2	2		4	6		58	1	2 00	Wm. Hannah	Hayes.